

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Application No. 10/526,031

Attorney Docket No.: Q86579

REMARKS

Prior to entering this Amendment, claims 1-61 were all the claims pending in the application. With this Amendment, Applicant cancels claims 29-37 and 53-59 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant expressly reserves the right to prosecute these canceled claims in a continuation application. Accordingly, upon entry of this Amendment claims 1-28, 38-52, 60 and 61 are all the claims presently pending in the application.

Claim Objection

Claims 38-48 are objected to because of the phrase “every second time period” appearing in claims 38 and 39. While Applicant amends claims 38 and 39 and respectfully submits that the objection is obviated, Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are patentable without amendment and are in condition for immediate allowance. Conforming amendments are made to claims 40 and 61. Support for these amendments is found at least at pages 84, 85 and 89 of the specification.

Applicant submits that claims 40-42, which depend either directly or indirectly from claim 38, are allowable. Likewise, Applicant submits that claim 61, which depends from claim 39, is allowable.

Claim 60 is objected to for depending from a rejected claim. Claim 60 is amended to include all the elements of claim 53 and is believed to be in condition for immediate allowance.

Applicant notes that the Examiner indicates on the form PTOL-326 in the Office Action the Examiner merely objects to claims 38-48, 60 and 61. It is believed that each of these claims is in condition for immediate allowance.

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Allowed Claims

Applicant acknowledges that the Examiner has allowed claims 1-28 and 49-52.

Rejected Claims

Claims 29-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Quist.

Applicant cancels those claims without prejudice or disclaimer and respectfully submits that the rejection is moot.

Claims 53-59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Takizawa.

Applicant cancels those claims without prejudice or disclaimer and respectfully submits that the rejection is moot.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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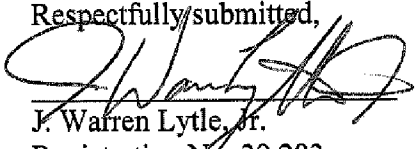
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